Works not given to lowest tenderers in 1108.

103. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works given not to the lowest tenderers by the P. W. D. in 1108 with the reasons for doing so?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list showing the works is appended. (*Appendix III*).

In entrusting works the rate of tender deduction is not always the only criterion but factors such as urgency of the work, capacity and experience of the contractors, etc, have also to be taken into account. With due regard to these, it is not always possible to accept the lowest tenders in all cases.

Nemmara Water Works.

104. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) how far they have progressed in the works this year in the Nemmara Water Works;

(2) what arrangements they have made for deepening another bore-hole and extension of branches;

(3) what steps they have taken in improving the Vallanghy tank?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) A spare set of machinery is being erected in the pump house. The distribution system is divided into two zones and the supply is satisfactory in all the taps. The supply from the bore-hole which showed signs of diminution towards the beginning of 1108 was restored to its original supply by increasing the sizes of eduction and air-lines.

(2) The question of deepening another bore-hole is postponed pending actual observation of the behaviour of the existing bore-hole on being tried by the new air compressor. Extension of branches will be laid in the following places; (1) Manangode, (2) Nadangode, (3) Palaparamba and (4) Aynampadam. When these extensions are laid practically the whole of Vallanghy and Nemmara will get the benefit of piped supplies.

(3) The question of improving the Vallanghy tank will be taken up after the question of another bore-hole is finally decided.

Rules for Communal representation in Madras.

105. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether they have read the portion relating to 'communal representation' in the general rules published recently in the Fort St. George Gazette to regulate the method of recruitment, the conditions of service, etc.;

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